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EARLY ANOCHE BY SHELLING. REVERTING THIS CHANNEL.

BEIRUT 7/3 (UPI)- FIGHTING DIED DOWN STY AFTER CHRISTIANS ET PALS

TENTATIVELY ACCEPTED TRUCE MEDIATED BY ARAB LEAGUE SCY GEN RIAD.

BUT FTU OF TENTATIVE PEACE REMAINED UNCERTAIN WITH EACH SIDE

MAKING ACCEPTANCE CONDITIONAL ON DEMANDS OTHER SIDE REJECTED.

RIAD, WHO FLEW PRODAMASCUS FRIDAY AFTER MEETING CHRISTIANS,

DUE BACK TODAY MORE NEGOTIATIONS WITH PALS. CHRISTIAN "KFOUR FRONT"

OF FRANJIEH, CHAMOUN ETGEMAYEL AGREED AGREED OFFCAL 12DAY SIEGE

PAL CAMP SOUTHEAST BEIRUT PROIVDED 2,500 LEAGUE PEACEKEEPING TROOPS

CURRENTLY HERE UNDERTAKE ENFORCE TERMS PAST AGREEMENTS REGULATING

PAL GUERRILLA PRESENCE LEBANON.

PAL ETLEFTISTS, MEETING THREE HRS FR ANOCHE, ANNOUNCED ACCEPTANCE

JUST ASTRUE DUE INGO EFFECT MIDNIGHT (2100GMT). BUT THEY REJECTED

RIGHTIST CONDITIONS ETADDED ONE OF THEIR OWN. CHRISTIANS MUST

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WITHDRAW EXJISR AL PASHA CAMP CAPTURED TUESDEY ETPOSITIONS AROUND

BESIEGED TAL ZAATAR CAMP NEXT DOOR. HEAVY FIGHTING CONTINUED ALL FRONTS PAST DEADLINE BUT DOWNDIED MORNING TO SPORADIC EXCHANGES. OBSERVERS AGREED RIAD NOW IN RACE AGAINST TIME SETTLE CONFLICTING DEMANDS ETCONSOLIDATE TRUCE BEFORE IT COLLAPSES AGIN. TWAS 41ST TRUCE 14MOS WAR ETLITTLE OPTIMISM HERE TTIT WUD FARE BETTER THAN 40 TTPRECEDED IT. "CERTAINLY OTHER CFS HVE BEGUN WITH MUCH HIGHER HOPES ONLY TO COLLAPSE DAYS OR EVEN HRS LATER," REMARKED ONE WESTERN DIPLOMAT. RIAD ETDELEGATION INC FORNMINS TUNISIA ET BAHRAIN DUE DUE BEIRUT EXDAMASCUS TALKS WITH LEFTIST SIDE. IN FACT RIAD TRYING SALVAGE TWO CFS, ONE NO MORE CERTAIN THAN THE OTHER. SECOND TRUCE WAS TWIXT PALS ETTSYRIA WHOSE ARMY STILL ENCIRCLED LEFTIST PORTS TRIPOI ETSIDON DESPITE AGREEMENT LAST MONTH FOR IMMY WITHDRAWAL. PALS HV CHARGED SYRS HELPING XIANS BY SHELLING LEFTIST POSITIONS ETKEEPING THEM DOWNTIED OTHER PLACES PREVENT THEM COMING PROAID TAL ZAATAR. LEFTISTS SD LARGE SYR FORCE 25 ARMORED VEHICLES ET50 TROOP CARRIERS BACKPULLED 20MILES EXSIDON PROJEZZIN SATY. BUT THEY ESSTIMATED LEASTLY AS MANY REMIANED BEHIND ENCIRCLING SOUTHERN PORT. LEFTIST ACCOUNTS ALSO SAID COLUMN 30 SYR TANKS ADVANCING DOWN MOUNTAIN ROAD NORTHEAST BEI TOWARDS REAR FLANK PAL RELIEF COLUMN TRYING T REACH TAL ZAATAR SINCE FRIDAY. LEFTISTS REPORTEDLY ASKED RIAD BRING CLARIFICATIONS FROM DAMASCUS ON WHAT THE CONFLICTING SYR TROOP MOVEMENTS MEANT. RIADS PLAN CALLED FOR WRITTEN CF AGREEMENT FOLLOWED BY REOPENING AIYPORT WHERE 2,500 SAUDI, SUDANESE, LIBYAN ETSYRIAN PEACEKEEPING TROOPS WAITING PROPOLICE TRUCE TTFIRSTLIBYAN ETTHEN LEAGUE ATTEMPTS RPTEDLY FAILED ARRANGE. NEITHER SIDE SIGNED AGREEMENT YET ETKFOUR FRONT MAKING ACCEPTANCE CONDITIONAL ON ENFORCEMENT 1969 CAIRO AGREEMENT PROHIBITING PALS FROM HAVING HEAVY WEAPONS INCAMPS. "HOW CAN WE ACCEPT THIS WHEN TALZAATAR UNDER SIEGE? CHRISTIANS MUST WITHDRAW FIRST THEN WE LL DISCUSS PEACE," PAL SPOKESMAN SD. CONFLICTING REPORTS SITN AROUND CAMP. XIANS CLAIMED CAPTURED MOST OF CAMP FRIDAY, TAKING 300 POWS. PALS ADMITTED OUTER DEFENSES PENETRATED BUT SAID XIANS BEATEN BACK INNER GATES OF CAMP. "OUR POSITION MUCH BETTER TODAY. WE CAN HOLDOUT," SPOKESEMAN SAID. HE SDRELIEF COLUMN 1,000 MEN REAHCED MONTEVERDI 1.4 MILES EXCAMP FRIDAY EH WHEN HALTED BY CHRISTIAN S SHELLING THEIR ADVANCE. CHRISTIANS SAID COLUMN ROUTED. TWO VERSIONS OF BATTLE TYPICAL OF CONFLICTING OFFICIAL INFO BCAST BY RICVAAL RADIO STAS EACH SIDE TTHAS BEEN CONSITENTLY CONFUSING FEATURE LEBANESE WAR. UNCLASSIFIED

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WITH TALZAATAR STILL SOURROUNDED, IMPOSSIBLE REPORTERS REACH SCENE TO VERIFY. MEANWHILE LEFTIST NEWSPAPERS REPORTED 300 PALES KILLED JISRAL PASHA FIGHTING. CAX ALSO REPORTEDLY INCLUDED SWEDISH NURSE (EVA STAHL, 27) REPORTED HV BEEN WOUNDED IN TAL ZATAR WHERE SHE HELPING CARE FOR INJURED. SHE STILL TRAPPED THERE ETHER CONDITION UNKNOWN. ROSS
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